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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ONLINE REAL-TIME  
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To: Commissioner for Patents

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Subject: Information disclosure statement under 37 CFR §1.56

20 Dear Sir,

This is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability under 37 CFR §1.56. The applicants wish to make of record the document(s) listed on 25 the accompanying form PTO/SB/08.

Since this IDS is filed after the mailing date of the first Office action but before final Office action, consideration of the information disclosure statement is hereby requested according to 37 CFR §1.97(c).

5     Additionally, each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in an Office communication mailed on 04/27/2007 for the counterpart China patent application number 2004100900904, which is no more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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According to the requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2), the applicants are submitting copies of the cited China patent publication No. 1459754 (published 12/03/2003) and China patent publication No. 1531715 (published 09/22/2004). In accordance with MPEP 609.04(a)

15     III, an English-language equivalent application may be submitted to fulfill the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. Therefore, the English-language equivalent US patent publication No. 20020038267 of the cited China patent publication No. 1531715 is hereby presented to fulfill the 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) requirement.

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Additionally, according to the requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) and MPEP 609.04(a) III, an English language abstract of the cited China patent publication No. 1459754 is given as below to fulfill the concise explanation requirement.

China patent publication No. 1459754 discloses a method and system for on-line real-time modification and transmission of a bill of sales. The system includes at least a delivery processing workstation, an order database and a database server. The system provides the function of allowing a user, having access and authorized for using a terminal device of the system via Internet, to modify and transmit the bill of sales in an on-line and real-time manner through a single portal website. The delivery processing workstation can generate detailed data associated with orders of goods and then store the detailed data into the order database. After the terminal device operated by the user is connected to the delivery processing workstation, the user can use an on-line modification to modify the order according to order requirement and shipment capability of goods. When confirmed, the resultant bill of sales is transmitted to the consignee (goods receiver) via Internet. With help of the above-mentioned method and system for on-line real-time modification and transmission of a bill of sales, the seller and buyer are not required to key in data repeatedly and can check the bill of sales more easily.

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It is respectfully requested that the examiner can consider the document(s) listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08 and that it be made of record in the application. The applicants sincerely hope that the examiner initials the cited reference(s) on the form and that a copy of

the initialed form be sent to the applicants with the next communication from the examiner.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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